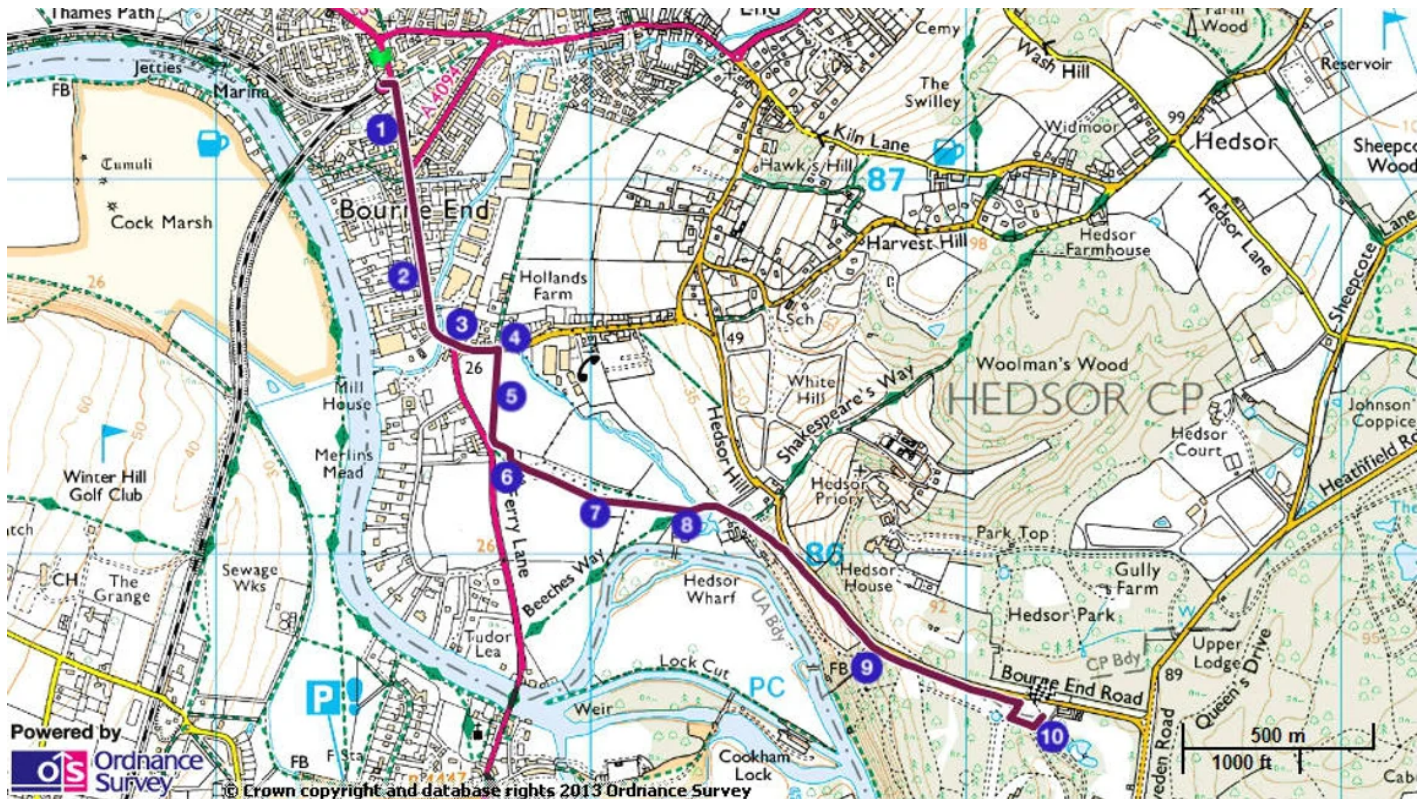


OXFORDSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & BERKSHIRE

Bourne End station to Cliveden walk

If you're visiting Cliveden by public transport, this walk offers a pleasant route through the countryside from Bourne End railway station. At just over 2 miles (one way), you'll follow pavements and public footpaths while glimpsing some of the local landmarks.



Information

Address: Bourne End railway station, Station Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, SL8 5QH

OS map: Explorer 172

Activity: Walking

Moderate: The route is through fields, on gravel footpaths and along roads. For further details, see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome in the woodlands but are not allowed in the gardens.

Full trail: Miles: 2.1 (km: 3.36)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 50 mins

Terrain

The walk follows uneven terrain through fields, up steps, on gravel footpaths and across roads, with one steep walk uphill. It's suitable for walkers only. There are no lights along the route.

Total steps: 10

Start point: Bourne End railway station, grid ref SU893873

1. Turn right out of Bourne End railway station and follow the road straight ahead. You'll pass St Mark's Church on your left, on the opposite side of the road.
2. Continue along the road until you see the Walnut Tree pub on the other side. Cross here and keep following the road in the same direction.
3. Follow the road around the left-hand bend and take the first turning on your left, Hedsor Road.
4. After around 110yd (100m), you'll see a large traffic safety mirror on the opposite side of the road and the entrance to Hollands Farm on your left. Cross the road here and follow the 'Public footpath' sign through the kissing gate. Please note, if you reach Flowerland Garden Centre on your right, you've gone too far.
5. Walk down the wide grass track in front of you. Look out over the paddocks to your left and you'll catch your first glimpses of Cliveden in the distance. The golden face of the clock tower and Spirit of Liberty statue can be seen just above the treeline.
6. After approximately 260yd (240m), the wide track will open out into a field. From here, bear left and follow the marked footpath, passing the pumping station on your left. Continue along this path keeping the hedge directly on your left.
7. When the hedge turns sharp left, keep walking straight ahead, following the footpath towards the corner of the field. In front of you in the distance you'll see Hedsor House and, just off to the left, St Nicholas Parish Church in the Hedsor estate.
8. At the junction, bear left and go through the kissing gate. Cross the narrow footbridge over the stream and follow the gravel footpath. Go through the small black gate at the end of the footpath and walk straight ahead, passing private driveways on either side. After approximately 165yd (150m), walk straight up the wooden-edged steps in front of you.

9. After climbing the steps, continue uphill, following the narrow footpath through the trees with the wire fence on your right. After about 700yd (650m), you'll reach a road at the top of the hill where the public footpath ends. Taking care, turn right onto the road and join the grass verge as soon as possible. Please note, depending on the time of year, the grass here may be very long.
10. After approximately 330yd (300m), you'll pass the entrance to the Hedsor Gate hotel on your right. Continue straight along the boundary wall (around 440yd, 400m) until you reach the junction. Keep right and you'll be on Cliveden Road. When you reach the Feathers Gate entrance, opposite the Feathers Pub, enter through the pedestrian gates and follow the path to the Welcome Hut. You'll need to buy an admission ticket or show your National Trust membership card. To return to your starting point at Bourne End station, simply retrace your steps.

End point: Cliveden main car park, grid ref SU910856
